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For purposes of this Part I of this subtitle, an electronic signature shall have the same effect as a manual signature if the electronic signature:

- (1) Uses an algorithm approved by the National Institute of Standards and Technology;
 - (2) Is unique to the individual using it;
 - (3) Is capable of verification;
 - (4) Is under the sole control of the individual using it;
- (5) Is linked to data in such a manner that if the data are changed, the electronic signature is invalidated;
- (6) Persists with the document and not by association in separate files; and
 - (7) Is bound to a digital certificate.

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